

Ide Hill Pre-School



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We hope you have an enjoyable Easter and we are looking forward to a very busy Summer term. We return on Monday 19th April.

Welcome

We welcome two new children after Easter, Poppy and Jack, we hope they will settle in very quickly.

Polling Day - 6th May

The pre-school will be closed all day on Thursday 6th May due to polling day.

Email

We will answer emails when we return after the Easter break.

Term Dates

We finish this term on **Friday 28 May** and return for the Summer Term on **Monday 7 June**.

Junk modelling

Please continue to keep your old boxes/yoghurt pots/egg cartons and send them into pre-school please.

Date for Sports Day

Fingers crossed we can hold our sports day this year. This will be on the last day of term **Friday 16 July** at pre-school in the front car park 09.45 - 11.00. Following the races we will be saying farewell to our July leavers.

Amazon Wish List

We have a new updated wish list - if you would like to purchase an item for pre-school please click on the link below this will take you directly to the Ide Hill Pre-school wish list. Thank you so much.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1R2AJE2TNDP7B?ref=wl_share

Furthermore, [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) (go to its website and search for Ide Hill Preschool), companies such as Amazon and John Lewis will make a donation to the Pre-School every time you shop online.

Proud Cloud Cards

Please remember to use the "Proud Cloud" cards. These "Proud Cloud" cards are a chance for you to share with us things that your child achieves at home. If you see them doing something that makes you proud then write it down and bring it in to share with us. We will then add these to our "Proud Cloud" board to share with other children. Available on Tapestry under documents and attached to this newsletter.

Committee News:

Who are we and what do we do?

As you know our pre-school is a charity organisation which is run with the help of a management committee, the committee is made up of parents of pre-school children who kindly give up their valuable time to help manage finances, ensure that we work within our boundaries as set out by our governing bodies as well as plan events for the children and fundraising events.

We are always looking for parents to come and join us, being on the committee will not take up too much time we meet once a term to plan ahead. If you are interested in joining us please speak with Sarah McGlasson sarahmcglasson@outlook.com or Liz Money.

Appeal Information

If you did not get your first choice of primary school and wish to appeal here is the information that you will need. You can appeal from 16th April - 17th May. There is some information on the Kent website :

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/appeal-a-school-offer#tab-1>

If you click onto primary appeals, there is a link to how to appeal etc. Here are some useful Q&A.

Why has my child been given a place at a school I didn't name on the form?

Because all of the schools you named had applicants who had a higher priority for their places. When this happens we are legally required to offer you a place at another school with a space.

What can I do now?

One thing you can do is to put your child's name on a school's waiting list, but only for those schools you named in your application.

How do I do that?

Complete the waiting list form enclosed with your offer letter, and send it to Kent County Council Admissions, Room 2.24, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ.

If any places do become available, they will offer them to the children on the school's waiting list in accordance with their oversubscription criteria.

You can photocopy the form if you want your child's name to go on the waiting list for more than one school. Parents, if you follow the link above you can get the appeal forms and print them off if you do not have a copy. You have to go through this process and not telephone the individual schools. You can get further advice from Call 0300 041 4222 or email appeals@kent.gov.uk for support.

Drop off/Collection Times

Wherever humanly possible, could parents please endeavour to get their children to pre-school for 09.15 and collect promptly at 2.45 as it is disruptive for all concerned. Thank you for your co-operation

Sun Cream and Hats

At Ide Hill Pre-school we aim to promote children's good health and encourage their awareness of healthy practice. We ensure that the application of sun cream meets the requirements and preferences of all the children and parents/carers.

Many activities carried out during the pre-school day mean that children are outside and therefore exposed to the sun.

We ask parents/carers to remember to provide their children with the following items:

1. A sun hat covering as much of the face and neck as possible.
2. Suitable footwear to enable children to move freely but safely when outside. Soles need to grip and be secure on the child's foot. No flip flops or similar sandals.
3. Clothing should be suitable for outdoor play, remembering stinging nettles and hard surfaces.

4. Parents to apply "Soltan Once" or "P20" - (1 application gives up to 6-10 hours protection) sun cream before the children start the morning/afternoon session at pre-school.
5. If we are in any doubt that a child needs protecting from the sun, we shall put sun cream on the child unless a parent has indicated otherwise and we shall re-apply sun cream when necessary.

We are outside most of the day and we need to ensure children have adequate protection. Thank you.

Donations of Bulbs/ Seeds needed for our garden

- Cucumber seeds-(outside variety)
- Tomato seeds -(cherry)
- Corn on the cob
- Peas
- Potato - Maris piper
- Onion bulbs
- Garlic Cloves
- Pansies
- Aquilegia
- Beetroot
- Courgette
- Pumpkin
- Runner beans
- Spring onion
- Peppers
- Basil
- Carrots
- Sunflowers
- Lettuce

Lunch Box - Mini Eggs/Grapes - choking hazard



Mini eggs carry a choking hazard warning they are not suitable for children under four! Something to think about when giving Easter gifts to children or if your planning on doing Easter themed baking activities.



Eating well in the early years.

This is a wonderful website designed for parents who need advice/recipes on healthy eating for young children. You can find information about eating well in the first years by following the link below:-

<https://www.firststepsnutrition.org/eating-well-early-years>

Stars of the week



Our stars for last term are the following children.

Week 1 - Tomi - for being such a lovely kind boy.

Week 2 - Clara - for counting 9 children independently and clearly.

Eloise - For fantastic letter formation and writing new words e.g. "Mummy" and "Daddy".

Week 3 - Hugo - for putting on your own shoes at home and at pre-school. 😊

Week 4 - Luna - for excellent number recognition whilst playing the caterpillar game.

Week 5 - Ruan - For beautifully singing the "Shepherd song".

I hope you all have a safe Easter - look after each other.



